

Dear Juliet,

How are you today? Thanks for taking the time to read my e-mail. I think it's a bad idea for Romeo and you to get married right now because you're both so young and haven't know[^] each other for very long. Another reason I think it's not such a great idea to get married so quickly is because neither of you have told your parents; since_^ the two families don't like each other, the marriage might even escalate the whole situation between them. First off, you and Romeo are only teenagers that seem to be rushing a very big step in life. You two are obviously very much in love and Romeo definitely has a lot of passionate love for you when he says, "O, speak again, bright angel, for thou art/ As glorious to this night, being o'er my head" (2.2.29-30). But even if he does say that he is in love with you, still consider that he has known you for only a day or so, and he could change his mind unfortunately. Secondly, I want you to also consider how Romeo and your family will react to this breaking news if you decide to get married without telling them. Even if the Friar says that the marriage could stop the bickering, it could back-fire and makes it even worse! You warn Romeo when you tell him, "If they do see thee, they will murder thee" (2.2.75). It seems like you are trying to tell him that even if you're in love with him, the families won't care because of an ancient feud. Anyway, I think you should reconsider marrying Romeo so soon, maybe delay it for a few weeks to get to know him more and try to talk to your parents about this situation. Well, thanks for your time.

Yours truly,